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**Redesigning Instructional Delivery:
Co-Teaching as a Strategy for Success**

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Marilyn Friend, Ph.D., has spent her career as a general education teacher, special education teacher, teacher educator, and staff developer. She is currently Chairperson and Professor of Education in the Department of Specialized Education Services at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she teaches coursework on inclusive practices and collaboration among service providers. She also currently is serving on the board of the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children. She has consulted with school professionals nationally and internationally as they collaborate to educate their students, assisting them to form productive and efficient work teams, to learn the best ways to manage awkward or adversarial conversations, and to communicate effectively with parents. Her particular areas of interest include skills for collaboration, co-teaching, inclusive school practices, team building, shared problem solving, interpersonal communication, conflict and controversy, and home-school communication. She is the author of a number of books and more than 45 articles on collaboration, inclusive practices and related topics as the co-producer of a series of videotapes about collaboration, co-teaching and inclusion.